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Subject..... Japanese Newspaper "Mainichi" alleges that a Communist
..... Headquarters has been established in French Concession.

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The "Mainichi", a Japanese newspaper, published on April 13, 1936, a report alleging that two Chinese named Fong Hsiang-luei (方曉輝) and Chu Ming-sung (周明生), had formed an "Ex-soldiers National Salvation Association" with headquarters in the French Concession and were engaging in anti-Japanese and communistic activities. Exhaustive enquiries have been made with a view to confirming this report but nothing can be learned to substantiate it.

It is to be noted that the "Nippo" on March 29, 1936, published a report alleging that the authorities of the French Concession were permitting agents of Soviet Russia to establish headquarters in the Concession for the purpose of conducting communist and anti-Japanese activities. A declaration refuting this allegation was issued by the French Consul-General on March 31, 1936, and published in local foreign newspapers of April 1, 1936. In the same column, Mr. Seiichi Uyeda, Chief of the Police Section of the Japanese Consulate-General also issued a statement repudiating the allegation, and on the contrary, expressing his satisfaction with the French Authorities for their readiness in suppressing anti-Japanese agitation.

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MAINICHI(10-4-36)

RED ARMY IN SHANSI RECRUITING SOLDIERS IN SHANGHAI

It has been already reported that a secret agreement has been concluded between Chiang Kai Shek and the red army which has entered Shansi. The Government army has also entered Shansi to destroy Yen Shi Shan's power and to oppose Japan.

The secretariat of the Chinese Communist Party in Shanghai is reported to have ordered the red army in Shansi to create disturbances in Hopei, Charhar and Suiyuan Provinces. The red army in Shansi has requested the Shanghai armed People's Committee to recruit a large number of soldiers. The head of the Committee is reported to be one Huang Sin Hsiang.

Applicants must have anti-Japanese spirit, not less than 20 and not more than 30 years of age and are not members of the Blue Shirts Society.

HEADQUARTERS OF ANTI JAPANESE AND COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION
ESTABLISHED IN THE FRENCH CONCESSION

It is reported that Fong Hsiao Huei, president of the Ex-soldiers National Salvation Association formed by a number of unemployed soldiers, is engaged in anti-Japanese activities. Another Chinese named Chu Ming Sung, member of the Third International, who had been co-operating with Fong Hsiao Huei, had some trouble with Fong and since then Chu Ming Sung has become the president of the Association. 方曉輝 周明生

Chu has established the Headquarters of the Association in the French Concession from where he will direct anti-Japanese and communistic activities.

JAPANESE NAVY ASSOCIATION TO HOLD MEETING

The local Japanese Navy Association will hold its annual meeting at the Japanese Club at 1 p.m. April 15 to consider the budget for 1936 and the report on the year 1935.

NEW COUNSELLOR TO JAPANESE EMBASSY IN CHINA

A Domei telegram from Tokyo reports that Mr. G. Morishima, Secretary of the Foreign Office, has been appointed Counsellor to the Japanese Embassy in China.

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JAPANESE AMALGAMATED ASSOCIATION OF STREET UNIONS
TO HOLD MEETING

The Standing Committee of the Japanese Amalgamated Association of Street Unions will hold a meeting at its office at 4 p.m. April 13 to consider the question of electricity service on extension roads and the transfer of that service from the Shanghai Power Company to the Chapei Electricity Company.

JAPANESE POLICE DENY RUMOURS

French Co-operation Is
Appreciated Here By
Consular Force

A report that "the authorities of the French Concession are closing their eyes to the activities of . . . subversive elements," following the conclusion of the Franco-Soviet Treaty of mutual assistance, was effectively spiked yesterday morning by Mr. S. Uyeda, Chief of the Police Section of the Japanese Consulate-General here.

The report, emanating in Tokyo, was distributed locally on Saturday night by a Japanese news agency, not Domei, and was published in Sunday's morning Japanese newspapers.

"I don't know where this information was obtained," Mr. Uyeda told Domei in an exclusive interview. "Those of us who are engaged in police work here give no credence to the report."

"On the contrary, we are deeply indebted to the authorities of the French Concession for their assistance in suppressing the anti-Japanese agitation in the Concession and the protection of Japanese residents there."

"The French authorities have always been ready to apprehend persons sought by us and to hand them over to the Japanese Consulate-General."

"Thanks to the mutual police assistance, we have observed a noticeable improvement in the situation."

"I am issuing this statement," Mr. Uyeda concluded, "for fear that some Japanese residents here might be misled by such a rumour."